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Sir:

This Communication is submitted to make of record a March 10, 2000 telephone interview between Examiner Truong and applicants' undersigned attorney.

The undersigned informed the Examiner that on February 25, 2000 applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement and received a stamped postcard receipt indicating that it had

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been received by the Office on February 28, 2000. The undersigned requested an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 that accompanied the February 25, 2000 Statement. Examiner Truong stated that the application file was not currently in her hands and that she would look for the February 28, 2000 Form PTO-1449 in about one month.

Interestingly, with respect to the Statement for Reasons for Allowance the Examiner informed the undersigned that the U.S. application corresponding to WO 99/61444 was subject to a restriction requirement and that the subject matter that overlaps with the claims of the above-identified application has been withdrawn from consideration. The Examiner stated that if a divisional of the U.S. application corresponding to WO 99/61444 is filed, then perhaps there would be an interference in the future.

Respectfully submitted,


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